

Educator License Changes

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Educator License Changes

Effective 2017 - 2018

The Wisconsin state budget (2017-2019) contains major changes to educator licensure rules that became effective in September 2017.

Due to these changes, the district is developing a procedure to implement the new licensure rules.



Terms no longer used:

- **Initial Educator** – individual who has successfully completed an approved educator preparation program after August 31, 2004. After successful completion of a professional development plan (PDP).
- **Professional Educator** – license that can be renewed every 5 years with successful completion of the PDP.

License Stages

Educator licenses issued under Wis. Admin. Code PI 34 are based on the following license stages:

- **Provisional Educator License** Educators who completed an approved educator preparation program for the first time in a license category (Teaching, Administrator or Pupil Services) after September 23, 2017 will be issued a Provisional Educator License for each license within that category.
- **Lifetime Educator License** A Lifetime Educator License may be issued to educators who successfully completed at least six semesters of experience in the category of their Provisional Educator license and have completed all statutory requirements.
- **Master Educator License** This optional lifetime license may be issued to educators who successfully completed a National Board Certification by National Board of Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS) or a Wisconsin Master Educator Assessment Process (WMEAP).



Educators — License expired June 2017 or prior

DPI's Goal: Help the educator to hold a license that is valid

Educator's Role: Make their license valid

Initial Educator

- Apply for a **Provisional License** - when available.
- License will be transitioned to a **Lifetime License** — *Per DPI*

Master/ Professional Educator

- Apply for a **1-year Extension**
- License will be transitioned to a **Lifetime License** — *Per DPI*
- *If the 1-year extension has already been used:*
 - Apply for a **Provisional License**

License with stipulations

- Apply for a **Provisional License** - ASAP
- **Contact DPI** — ASAP
- *If the 1-year extension has already been used:*
 - Apply for a **Provisional License**

Educators – License expires June 2018

DPI's Role: Transition the educator's license

*Educator's Role: Check License Look-up and **Be Patient***

Initial Educator

- License will be automatically transitioned to a **Provisional License** – *Per DPI*
- *If you have completed six (6) semesters*
 - Apply for a **Lifetime License**

Master/ Professional
Educator

- License will be automatically transitioned to a **Lifetime License** – *Per DPI*

License with
stipulations

- License will be automatically transitioned to a **Provisional License** – *Per DPI*
 - *If you have completed six (6) semesters*
 - Apply for a **Lifetime License**
- **Contact DPI - ASAP**



Initial Educators — License expires after June 2018

DPI's Role: Transition educator licenses for these license periods to a provisional license — Period: 2017-2020

*Educator's Role: Check License Look-up and **Be Patient***

License Period **2014 - 2019**

License will be
automatically
transitioned to a
Provisional License —
Per DPI

IF you have completed
six (6) semesters:
*Apply for a **Lifetime
License***

License Period **2015 - 2020**

License will be
automatically
transitioned to a
Provisional License —
Per DPI

IF you have completed
six (6) semesters:
*Apply for a **Lifetime
License***

License Period **2016 - 2021 & beyond**

License will be
automatically
transitioned to a
Provisional License —
Per DPI

WHEN you have
completed six (6)
semesters:
*Apply for a **Lifetime
License***

Thank you!

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